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The	Work of a Wagenbuero		
	genbuero in an RBD has the task of hav	ing ready at the appointed t	ime the
nece	ssary cars for consignors.		
loca	distribution of work varies according lly. Each RBD has its special working procedure is as follows:	to each Wagenbuero and is as methods; for instance in RE	signed D Cottbus
a a	he Wagenbuero has a staff which include nd eight agents (Disponent), plus the gent keeps accounts in his car order to responsible:	ree substitutes for relief du	ity. Each
1	st Agent (Disponent): G, M, Gl, Gk-car	'ន	
2	nd " 0, 0m, K-cars rd " R, S, Ss, Ssl, S	•	
	th " C-cars	osy, Itty –cars	
· .	th " Ks (tank) cars th " Exchange of cars	with other RBDs	
	th " Checker on turn-		
8	th " Account and in o	harge of distribution	
t s	f the SCC orders a number of cars, the wo days prior to loading of the cars. tation of the consignor, the ars required are listed.	o interpreter receives the or On the order form, the date, consignee station, and the r	assembly
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- c. After each agent has entered the type of cars required in his individual book, the order form is forwarded to the interpreter who returns them to the VOSO office. The agents then make arrangements for obtaining the required cars and order the individual Betriebsstelle to see that the empty cars are made available to the correct stations at the right time. After the stations have confirmed that the cars have arrived and are ready and waiting to be loaded, the work of the Wagenbuero is ended; further handling is taken over by the Betriebsstellen.
- d. At times the SCC orders one or two cars more than is required. The Wagen-buero does not receive individual notice of unused cars, but stations report every 24 hours all cars which have not been used and are empty. The Wagenbuero then allots these cars to new orders. Every night at 0200 hours the Wagenbuero advises the Ministerium fuer Eisenbahnwesen of all empty cars available, also all orders received. Should there be more cars available in any one RBD than are required for the following 24 hours, the Ministerium fuer Eisenbahnwesen decides to which of the other RBDs they must be sent.

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3. Each RBD issues its own timetable. If a train leaves one F the RBD which the train enters is responsible for the furth the train. Therefore, it is not always possible to determine destination of the train from the telegram, but only where for the train is to be taken over by one RBD from another I	ine the final responsibility
Duties of a Frontier Train Dispatching Station (Zugabfertigung)	)
<ol> <li>Frankfurt/Oder has the following independent offices, each own chief (Dienstvorsteher) (DV); each one also has a deput</li> </ol>	one with its
<ul> <li>a. Frankfurt/Oder - Passenger Station (Personen-Bahnhof)</li> <li>b. Frankfurt/Oder - Marshalling and Shunting Yards</li> <li>c. Frankfurt/Oder - Frontier Station (Grenzbannhof) which</li> </ul>	(Verschiebebahnhof)
<ol> <li>Train dispatcher service (Zugabfertigung) for incom East (outgoing trains are handled by the marshalling yard) (Verschiebebahnhof).</li> </ol>	ing trains from the
<ul> <li>(2) Interpreters.</li> <li>(3) Customs.</li> <li>(4) Freight accountants.</li> <li>(5) Dispatch accountants.</li> </ul>	
(6) Representatives of the various DIAs.	50X1-HUM
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## Frontier Station (Grenzbahnhof)

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- 11. Duties in the frontier station (Grenzbahnhof) are performed in three shifts; the staff of each shift is as follows:
  - a. Day and Night, changing over: The DV and his DVV
  - b. Train dispatch service, dispatcher (Zugabfertiger) 1 foreign service (Aussendienst)

2 domestic service (Innendienst)

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. Customs:

- 3 customs officials for each shift
- d. Interpreters:
- l interpreter per shift
- e. Dispatch Dept:

For each shift: 1 freight computer 1 routing clerk

l clerk

f. Shunting:

1 team (Kolonne) of 4 shunters per shift.

## VOSQ

12. VOSO is the abbreviation for Voyennoye Soobshchemie Armii(Transportation Department of the Soviet Army at the RBD level). The officers in this unit wear the same uniforms as other officers in the Soviet Army but with silver SBs and with various insignia on their arms (anchors, locometive, and lightening). The SCC officers attached to the RBDs wear blue uniforms with silver RBs. Their job is the control of civilian traffic on the Deutsche Reichsbahn, whereas the VOSO supervises all Russian military traffic and has nothing to do with civilian traffic. RBD Berlin has a VOSO staff of four officers.

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